

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 USUN N 00141 172236Z  
ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 HA-05 L-03 /023 W  
-----035121 180442Z /65  
R 172000Z JAN 78  
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9096  
INFO USMISSION GENEVA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE USUN 00141

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, UNHRC  
SUBJEC: GETTING READY FOR HE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING: THE TORTURE CONVENION

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH AUSTRALIAN MISOFF (LAMB) JANUARY 16 HE REPORTED THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI) AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS(ICJ) AS TO WHETHER OR NOT IT IS DESIRABLE TO HAVE THE DRAFT CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE (WHOSE ELABORATION WILL BEGIN AT THE UPCOMING MEETING OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) ) DEFINE TORTURE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME. LAMB SAID THAT HIS FOREIGN OFFICE WAS "SOMEWHAT ATTRACTED BY THE IDEA" BUT WANTED TO SEE A TEXT. THE AUSTRALIANS WOULD FAVOR THE ESTABLISHMENT BY THE HRC OF AN INTERSESSIONAL AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO ELABORATE THE PROPOSED TEXT OF THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE, SUCH A WORKING GROUP TO BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF DIFFERENT REGIONS, AND PERHAPS TO MEET IN NYC OR GENEVA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CONCENTRATION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE HRC. LAMB ALSO REPORTED THE HE SWEDES FEEL THEIR MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IS "DRAGGING ITS HEELS" ON THE DRAFT OF THE CONVENTION, AND THAT THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF GETTING IT DISTRIBUTED BEFORE THE HRC MEETING TO ALLOW ANY SIGNIFI-

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 USUN N 00141 172236Z

CNAT CONSULTATION.

2. IN A LATER CONVERSATION JANUARY 16 WITH MARTIN ENNALS, INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF AI, HE TOLD MISOFF THAT AI WAS DIVIDED ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER TORTURE SHOULD BE DEFINED AS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: USUN WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PENAL LAW (IAPL)REPORT FROM THE CONFERENCE IN SYRACUSE IN DECEMBER. USUN ALSO SUGGESTS THAT A WORKING PAPER ON US EXPECTATIONS AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH SUCH A DRAFT CONVENTION SHOULD BE ASKED FROM L NOW.  
YOUNG

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** HUMAN RIGHTS, MEETINGS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 jan 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978USUNN00141  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780026-0148  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** USUN NEW YORK  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780152/aaaabsge.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 7abecfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION IO  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3759113  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** EC: GETTING READY FOR HE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING: THE TORTURE CONVENION  
**TAGS:** SHUM, UNHRC  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/7abecfe2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014